

Rescue at Sea 211 Migrants in Tajoura / Libya

On Friday 17 April 2015, IOM received a call from one of its partner organizations in Tripoli, notifying us that the Tajoura Naval Coast Guard forces rescued 211 migrants who got shipwrecked near the Libyan coast, while trying to leave on a boat to Italy, after some of them have allegedly been seriously injured by an explosion of a gas tank inside one of the "connection houses". Their boat was found floating off the Libyan coast, with 7 of the migrants on board being in critical health conditions. Those seven have been referred to a hospital for immediate medical treatment, using the NGO and Navy forces vehicles for their transportation to the hospital, due to the late response of the emergency units to send an ambulance to the place of disembarkation.

The 211 rescued migrants were Somalis and Eritreans (153 males, 46 females and 12 children).

IOM started to coordinate with other concerned International Organization to provide the urgent response related to healthcare, e.g. IMC, who sent its staff to the spot for medical screening and checking the migrants which have been rescued.

IOM, in coordination with its partners distributed NFIs (blankets and hygiene kits) and also contracted a catering company to provide 3 meals per day.

The surviving migrant stayed at the Navy forces premises for three days, while IOM and its partners were trying to negotiate with some of the DCIM detention centers to accommodate them, but most of the centers were either closed or already overcrowded.

IOM's Partner organization, the "Multakana Centre for Psychosocial Support" met and interviewed all migrants, possibly in need for psycho-social support. Multakana staff were visiting the migrants and talking to them on daily basis, in order to assess their status and follow up on their physical and psychological conditions.

After four days after the rescue operation, the survived migrants were admitted to the Abu Sleem Detention Center on Tuesday 21 April 2015. IOM partners continued with their regular visits to this center, as well as others, who have admitted a significant number of migrants rescued at sea in the recent days/weeks.

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